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Interview Summary

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Steven R. Garland

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Steven R. Garland.

(3) _____.

(2) Mr. Vogelbacker.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 09 January 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-4 and 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Crook 5,561,330 and Japanese document 2004-103397.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Steven R. Garland
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Vogelbacker indicated that a translation would be filed to overcome the Japanese document 2004-103397 reference. The examiner stated that the proposed amendment did not appear to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection based on Ueda et al. in view of Crook. The examiner suggested that language regarding the predetermined nature of the stop conditions in a plurality of time periods during a day might be used to better define over the Crook reference. The examiner also indicated that claims 2-4 might require further consideration in view of Ueda et al. and Crook while claim 10 appeared to define over Ueda et al. and Crook.